

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H 3543**

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TO:	The Honorable Phillip D. Owens Chairperson, House Education and Public Works Committee		
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SUBJECT:	Dating Violence Policy		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost of Federal and/or Other Funds (See Below)

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 3543 adds Sections 59-1-490 & 59-32-100 to the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, which requires the South Carolina Department of Education to develop a model dating violence policy on or before December 1, 2009. Each school district must also develop a specific policy to address incidents of dating violence involving students at school by the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year. In a manner established by the State Department of Education, each school district shall verify compliance on an annual basis.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The State Department of Education estimates the recurring fiscal impact to be \$17,000. These costs consist of model development, policy dissemination, monitoring, and compliance verification. There would be no fiscal impact on Federal and/or Other funds.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

The Department estimates the cost to local school districts to be minimal assuming required dating violence training for district staff is integrated with other ongoing staff training and that student and parent training is conducted via the district's website.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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